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FIRE MARSHAL CAUTIONS AGAINST RECYCLING DRYER EXHAUST

CONCORD, N.H. - State Fire Marshal J. William Degnan is warning homeowners against venting dryer exhaust into their homes in an effort to save energy.

A recent Associated Press article, carried in New Hampshire newspapers, recommended installing a bypass filter to route dryer heat back into the home during cold weather as an energy-saving measure. But Degnan said using such a system with a gas dryer would send deadly carbon monoxide fumes into the house.

“There are devices on the market designed to redirect dryer exhaust into living areas,” Degnan said, “They do carry warnings that they are not for use with gas dryers, but those warnings are easy to miss. Using such a device with a gas dryer would route fatal levels of carbon monoxide into a home very quickly.”

Degnan said 10 to 15 percent of residential clothes dryers are gas fired.

He said building codes require all gas appliances to be vented to the outside.

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